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In re Application of:) Examiner: Unknown
Stephen Pacetti, et al.) Group Art No.: 3731
Serial No.: 09/534,071)
Filed: March 24, 2000) New Docket No.: ACS-59044 (1850P)
Entitled: RADIOPAQUE) Old Docket No.: 1225.001US1
INTRALUMINAL STENT) December 4, 2001
) Los Angeles, California

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before the first examination, Applicant requests that the following changes be made to the present application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims 38 through 40:

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38. (New) The radiopaque stent of claim 34, wherein the one or more radiopaque materials is selected from the group comprising elements having atomic numbers from 56 to 79.